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American steamship *Philadelphia*, from Puerto Cabello, Curacao, and La Guayra, with 2 immigrants.

Respectfully,

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*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
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The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

RUSSIA.

A case of plague at Batoum.

ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA, *February 5, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose to you herewith a translated copy of an order issued by the imperial Russian commission for the purpose of combating the bubonic plague in Russia, which was communicated to me by the imperial Russian ministry for foreign affairs on February 2, 1902.

Respectfully,

CHARLEMAGNE TOWER,
Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary.

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Translation.]

From the commission established by imperial sanction for measures to be adopted against bubonic plague.

In accordance with telegraphic information received from the military governor of Koutais, a case, having all the symptoms of plague, occurred on January 8, from which the patient died on the following day. Immediately upon the discovery of this case, the patient was taken to the isolated portion of the hospital for contagious diseases; a cordon was placed around the house in which he lived, and the persons who had communicated with him are under medical surveillance. Orders have been issued for a medical examination to be instituted on all vessels leaving Batoum and upon the arrival of these vessels at ports of the Black Sea, as well as of such persons as are leaving Batoum by railway. No other case of infection has been observed.

SCOTLAND.

Report from Glasgow—Smallpox in Glasgow and London.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, *February 17, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following weekly report for this station: Smallpox cases have continued to recur and there are now in hospital about 133 cases. The cases in the present epidemic have occurred in about the same localities as those of last year, and the shipping is in no way involved. It is not anticipated that there will be any serious outbreak, inasmuch as it is known that about two-thirds of the population have been recently vaccinated or revaccinated successfully. In London the outbreak continues and there were at the end of the week over 1,100 cases in hospital. For the week ended February 8 there were in London 64 deaths from smallpox and 13 in the other great towns of England. There was 1 death from that disease in Glasgow, also.

For the week ended January 26, there were in Egypt 15 cases and 16 deaths from plague. For the week ended February 2, there were 22 cases and 16 deaths in the same country. The lay press reports during the past week 4 further cases of plague at Bagdad.

Respectfully,

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